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# S. 1043

To require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit a report to Congress on proposed changes to the use of the West Los Angeles Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, California.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mrs. FEINSTEIN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. REPORT ON USE OF LANDS AT WEST LOS ANGE-**  
4                       **LES DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**  
5                       **MEDICAL CENTER, CALIFORNIA.**

6       (a) FINDING.—Congress finds that section 707 of the  
7       Veterans Programs Enhancement Act of 1998 (Public  
8       Law 105–368; 112 Stat. 3351) required the Secretary of

1 Veterans Affairs to submit to Congress a report on the  
 2 master plan of the Department of Veterans Affairs, or a  
 3 plan for the development of such a master plan, relating  
 4 to the use of Department lands at the West Los Angeles  
 5 Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Cali-  
 6 fornia.

7 (b) REPORT.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs  
 8 shall submit to Congress a report on the master plan of  
 9 the Department of Veterans Affairs relating to the use  
 10 of Department lands at the West Los Angeles Department  
 11 of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, California.

12 (c) REPORT ELEMENTS.—The report under sub-  
 13 section (b) shall set forth the following:

14 (1) The master plan referred to in that sub-  
 15 section, if such a plan currently exists.

16 (2) A current assessment of the master plan.

17 (3) Any proposal of the Department for a vet-  
 18 erans park on the lands referred to in subsection  
 19 (b), and an assessment of each such proposal.

20 (4) Any proposal to use a portion of the lands  
 21 referred to in subsection (b) as dedicated green  
 22 space, and an assessment of each such proposal.

23 (d) ALTERNATIVE REPORT ELEMENT.—

24 (1) PLAN FOR DEVELOPMENT OF MASTER  
 25 PLAN.—If the master plan referred to in subsection

(b) does not exist as of the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall set forth in the report under that subsection, in lieu of the matters specified in paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (c), a plan for the development of a master plan for the use of the lands referred to in subsection (b) during each period as follows:

(A) The 25-year period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act.

(B) The 50-year period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act.

(2) COMPLETION OF MASTER PLAN.—The master plan referred to in paragraph (1) shall be completed before both of the following:

(A) The adoption of the plan under the Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services (CARES) initiative for the lands referred to in subsection (b).

(B) The issuance of any enhanced use lease with respect to any portion of such lands.

(3) COORDINATION WITH CARES.—The master plan referred to in paragraph (1) and the plan under the Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services initiative for the lands referred to in subsection (b) shall be consistent.

1 (e) LIMITATIONS ON IMPLEMENTATION.—

2 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may not im-  
3 plement any portion of the master plan referred to  
4 in subsection (b) or the plan referred to in sub-  
5 section (d), as applicable, until 120 days after the  
6 date of the receipt by the appropriate congressional  
7 committees of the report referred to in such sub-  
8 section.

9 (2) ACTIONS OTHER THAN DIRECT VETERANS  
10 SERVICES.—In the case of any portion of the master  
11 plan referred to in subsection (b) or the plan re-  
12 ferred to in subsection (d), as applicable, that does  
13 not relate to direct veterans services, the Secretary  
14 may not carry out such portion of such plan except  
15 pursuant to provisions of law enacted after the date  
16 of the receipt by the appropriate congressional com-  
17 mittees of the report referred to in such subsection.

18 (f) CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this section shall be  
19 construed to prevent the Secretary from providing, with  
20 respect to the lands referred to in subsection (b), routine  
21 maintenance, facility upkeep, tasks connected to capital  
22 improvements, and activities related to the construction of  
23 a State veterans home.

24 (g) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1           (1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-  
2       TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-  
3       mittees” means—

4           (A) the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs  
5       and the Committee on Appropriations of the  
6       Senate; and

7           (B) the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs  
8       and the Committee on Appropriations of the  
9       House of Representatives.

10       (2) DIRECT VETERANS SERVICES.—The term  
11       “direct veterans services” means services directly re-  
12       lated to maintaining the health, welfare, and support  
13       of veterans.

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